

Kenilworth Town Council



Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funds

Project Title: Athletics for all
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Background of your Organisation/Group (Tell us a little about your group/organisation e.g.: what does it do? Who is it for?)
Kenilworth School & Sixth Form is an 11-18 co-educational establishment, which aims to be an excellent school at the heart of the community. We motivate all of our young people to achieve more than they ever thought possible and awaken a curiosity and passion for learning so that they can play a full part as adults in shaping the society of the future.

Kenilworth School & Sixth Form became part of the Kenilworth Multi-Academy Trust (KMAT) in January 2019. Our trust is Kenilworth School & Sixth Form and The Westwood Academy. We are proud of our nationally awarded accreditations (Teaching School, School Direct, World Class School, Quality Inclusion Mark, National Support School, National Leader of Education) and aim to further our excellence by sharing our good work with KMAT and the community. KMAT leadership team is 8 trustees and a governing body at each school. The executive head teacher for KMAT attends all trustee meetings to share their vision for the school. Kenilworth School has a senior leadership team which includes the head teacher, who is also the executive head teacher for KMAT and senior members of staff within the school. Kenilworth School & Sixth Form are very proud to have been awarded Flagship Status for the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM). This follows the school being an IQM Centre of Excellence for three years.

This is the only secondary school in the town, having 1831 students on roll.

The new school is due to open in September 2023, it will accommodate an extra 400 pupils to support our growing community. In 2013 the school gained an OFSTED rating of 'Outstanding' across all four areas of the assessment. The last year of externally assessed examination results were also excellent for both GCSE and A 'Level. The value added score for A level has been above 0.6 for three consecutive years and the GCSE results have also been well above average, according to the DfE progress tables. Kenilworth School has also been ranked in the Top 20 Schools in the West Midlands in the Sunday Times.

The leadership strategy is to be a truly inclusive school enabling students to progress to higher education and employment pathways. Employer engagement and work with other schools is a fundamental strategy for implementing the vision.

The current sports facilities in Leyes Lane have been recognised as a centre of excellence and presently shared with the community.

Overview of Project/Scheme

(Outline proposed use of CIL funding)

Thanks to the enthusiasm and engagement of local partners, the building of a first-class school in which to teach, learn, develop and flourish is now underway. The new school is scheduled to open in September 2023. The re location project currently incorporates a superb foundation of new facilities, but it also has the potential to go above and beyond. We want to enhance and future-proof the educational experience for our pupils. We would like the support from Kenilworth Town Council in providing new sporting and leisure facilities which will benefit everyone, including local primary schools and the wider community.

The project, and funding request, is for a new 6 lane 400 metre running track with two 100 metre straights which will have provisioning for field activities such as a jump and throw area for long jump, javelin, discus and shotput. In the centre of the track there will be a full size football pitch we can be marked out to provide provisioning for other sport activities.

Project Timescales

(Please provide an outline of the implementation timetable including any key milestones. If the project is to be undertaken in this or the next financial year then set out the outline quarterly project plan)

Total Amount of Funding Requested
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(Please give the total amount of CIL monies sought)

£ 500,000**Costing of Project with Full Detailed Breakdown**

The project will cost £750,000 to install the track put in the necessary drainage and lighting and maintain.

**Details of other sources of funding applied for and names of any partner organisations.
Please include any funding applied for by any partner organisations.**

As part of our fundraising plan for the athletics track we will also be seeking funding from HS2 and Burton Green. We have already secured an unrestricted grant of £750,000 from City Electrical Factors which if needed we will use to underwrite the project should it be required.

Please specify here the responsibility for ongoing maintenance costs

Kenilworth School & Sixth Form will pay for the ongoing maintenance costs of the running track. The cost is based upon leaf maintenance and a clean every 4 years as suggested. This will also be subsidised by the income generation of the track being shared with the local community.

How your Proposal meets CIL Funding Criteria

(Your application may meet some or all of the criteria of the CIL priorities. Please explain, where applicable, how your scheme/project meets these criteria. If the criteria do not apply please mark N/A)

Community Priorities

How the proposal has been identified through consultation with residents and the community

In 2016 we went through a consultation process with the local community and shared our vision and objectives for the new school. The following issues were identified by Warwick District Council when consultation took place. These include:-

- The size and condition of existing community facilities and services (particularly school and healthcare resources) and the challenge involved in enabling them to meet current and future needs.
- The general health and well-being of residents and the need for access to sport and cultural experiences.
- In response to these priorities, we see the new track as addressing the need to improve access to physical activity for all, especially as we chart our path through the legacy of Covid-19.
- Additionally the 7 primary schools in Kenilworth will benefit from being able to have their sports days at the new leisure facilities as opposed to Edmonscote which will aid in their pupil transition and wellbeing in familiarising them with the environment when they progress into their secondary education.

How the Project will benefit the community as a whole; for the "Common Good"

We believe the importance of being physically active is central to the 'common good'.

People flourish when they enjoy a sense of belonging and feel connected to the heart of their community. Providing first class leisure facilities are pivotal to achieving this.

“Research shows that physical activity can also boost self- esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, as well as reducing your risk of stress and major illness.” - NHS

Similarly the participation of regular physical activity has been shown to have a positive impact on our mental well-being - Mental Health Foundation.

Physical activity not only promotes good health and well-being but also contributes to a wide range of social benefits including improved learning and attainment; stress management; self-efficacy; improved sleep; the development of social skills; and better social interaction. In addition to the health benefits, increasing physical activity across a population also has social, environmental and economic benefits for communities and wider society

The new track would be available not just to pupils, but the local Kenilworth community. It would be accessible to different age groups, organisations and individuals with the area. The 400-metre compact running track also aligns with ‘England Athletics’ pathways for the surrounding region and includes a full-sized grass football pitch located within the oval. Both facilities will be available to the broader community and will inspire many of our young people to train as elite athletes. The track will be a superb training venue for local groups such as Kenilworth Runners enabling them to recruit and coach more youngsters. At present, the youth members train in the local park and at many times of the year this area is muddy and not suitable for good quality training activities. Adults have to travel 5 miles to the nearest athletics track, which already has heavy usage.

For the female population in the community - location and exercise are intrinsically linked. Studies show that women often feel anxious about exercising outside and would rather train in places that are going to be well lit and not in isolated. The new track would provide a safe place for anyone to exercise safely rather than venture out on the streets alone in the dark.

How the Project will Benefit Young People and their Future
The sports provision, sports hall and all weather pitch at the current school is well utilised by the community during evenings, weekends and school holidays. The track would support the national curriculum and open up athletics opportunities for young people who aspire to be the next world class track and field athletes. Currently there is no athletics track in Kenilworth and the provision of an Athletics facility would increase the opportunities for many youngsters to take part in sport locally. It would also prevent young people and their families from having to make longer journeys to; • Edmonscode athletics track – 5.9 miles • Warwick University athletics track – 4.6mile The new 400 metre track will be available not only to young people at the new school, but also to local primary –aged children. This will make it possible for all youngsters to have access to a range of athletics activities, as well as enjoy sports days and tournaments at the venue.

Strategic Priorities

How the Project prioritises long-term Investment in Infrastructure

The new school is located on an existing road with good links to the town centre and a short distance from the current school site at Leyes Lane. Amenities and public transport are already established in nearby Leyes Lane and Glasshouse Lane is located to the perimeter of Kenilworth.

How the Project Promotes Kenilworth as a Business and Tourist Destination

The project will promote Kenilworth as both a Business and Tourist Destination through sponsorship opportunities with local businesses through our elite track facilities. An ideal location for regional meetings will provide an ideal athletics meet experience benefiting our local hotels and restaurants.

How the proposal addresses demands imposed by the increasing population in the town

The school will need to accommodate additional students based on forecast growth within the Kenilworth catchment, primarily associated with the new housing developments in the area. Due to a higher birth rate, there is also an increased requirement to include more students from within the existing Kenilworth primary school catchment.

Kenilworth is currently growing at a rate of 0.60% annually based upon the most recent census, which recorded a population of 22,538 in 2021 – according to 'City Population' data

How the proposal supports Kenilworth Town Council initiatives (e.g., Cycling Strategy Group, Tourism Group, the Town Centre Working Group, Climate Emergency Roadmap).

Management Priorities

Will the proposal seek joint funding/partnership arrangements with WDC/WCC and external bodies (e.g., universities, Sustrans, English Heritage) for infrastructure?

The proposal will seek a joint partnership with Everyone Active who are a leisure contractor of Warwick District Council. We will also seek a joint partnership arrangement with Kenilworth Runners. The Chair of Kenilworth Runners has shared below how a local all-weather running track will benefit the community:

'I would definitely expect a running track in Kenilworth to be a positive driver to get more people running, both school age and in the wider community. By improving the links between Kenilworth Runners and the school, I think we could conservatively grow our overall member numbers from 300 to 500 within a couple of years of the new facility opening'

How will your organisation/group explain publicly how the CIL receipts are forecast, managed and reported?

The school will provide professionally managed interim reports on the project detailing time lines and spending forecasts on the progression of the athletics track. As an ongoing commitment the school will provide a report on the outcomes of the athletics track in Kenilworth, and the impact the track has made to the local community and young students.

We will also invite the town council to the opening of the running track as a PR event to show the community the partnership between the town council and the local school.

How will your organisation explain publicly how CIL has been spent and allocated?

We will communicate how the money is being spent via our communication platforms both with existing and former students through our school newsletter. Sharing on our school website and social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn as well as local press coverage to highlight our joint working partnership and encourage others to support the campaign. We will also arrange an official event to which we will ask Samantha Cook to open the track and invite former pupils such as Sarah- Jane Perry who recently represented us in The Commonwealth Games – Mark England who is a member of Team GB – Tim Flowers – England Football & swimming paralympian Melanie Barratt to name but a few.

How will your organisation ensure that the costs of consultation and project management are covered?

The consultation process and project management costs have already been covered. We currently have a project manager who is overseeing the full project – John Harmon. John will also oversee and project manage the installation of the running track. The consultation for the running track was carried out during the consultation period for the new school in 2016

Additional Information that may support your Application

